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SUBJECT: SOVIET RELATIONS WITH WESTERN TRADE UNIONS

AT QUADRIPARTITE MEETING JULY 6, FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM REPORTED A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET ALL-UNION CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS (AUCCTU) SECRETARY P.T. PIMENOV. NOTING THAT HE DISCERNED A RECENT ABATEMENT OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS WEST GERMAN UNIONS, SAHM ASKED PIMENOV WHETHER THIS REFLECTED THE FACT THAT SHELEPIN HAS NOT YET BEEN REPLACED AS AUCCTU CHAIRMAN. PIMENOV, IN GENERALLY VAGUE AND NON-COMMITTAL CONVERSATION, HAD ADMITTED THAT "MAYBE" THIS WAS THE CASE. SAHM SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT SOVIET CULTIVATION OF ALL WESTERN UNIONS--NOT JUST DGB--HAS BECOME LESS INTENSE IN RECENT MONTHS.

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